Programme	*Allocation*	*Central Releases*	*No. of persons likely to be Benefited*
JRY	6686.18	4011.71	Targets of 144.36 lakh Mandays has been fixed
EAS		2488.00	Employment of 6.95 lakh mandays generated*

* No. of person can not be ascertained. However a total No. of 1.21 lakh persons have been registered upto May, 98.

Constitution of State Finance Commissions

4702. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where the reports of State Finance Commissions constituted under 73rd Amendment of our Constitution have been implemented;

(b) the number of States where State Finance Commissions' reports have been submitted to the State Governments; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to implement the 73rd Constitution Amendment Act in the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) The States of Assam, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and West Bengal have accepted most of the recommendations of their State Finance Commissions and have begun implementing the same.

(b) 16 States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have submitted their reports to their respective State Governments.

(c) In terms of the provisions of the 73rd Amendment Act, 1992, State/UT. Governments are to implement the mandatory provisions of the Act and to endow panchayats with such powers and functions as to enable them to function as units of self government. Government of India reviews the functioning of panchayats from time to time through several measures such as workshops, high level review meetings with State/UT governments, as well as conducting in depth studies of individual States/UTs and conveying the findings to the concerned Governments with a view to facilitating corrective action. Recently on 13.5.1998, the functioning of Panchayats was reviewed in a Conference of State Panchayati Raj Ministers inaugurated by the Honourable Prime Minister.

Recent Achievements in rural areas

4703. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state the details of achievements of his Ministry during the recently concluded 100 days of the present Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): The major achievements of the Ministry during recently concluded 100 days of the present Government includes organisation of a meeting of Ministers of Rural Development, Panchayat Raj and Rural Housing on 13th May, 1998 which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to discuss the issues